

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1088

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Holly Cooper Hughes on her selection as 2010 Hawkins County Teacher of the Year for St. Clair Elementary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Holly Cooper Hughes is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hughes has recently been selected 2010 Teacher of the Year at St. Clair Elementary School by Hawkins County Schools, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, along with other distinguished Hawkins County teachers, Holly Hughes was recently honored at the Hawkins County School System's Teacher of the Year Banquet; and

WHEREAS, at the gathering, Hawkins County Schools feted teachers selected as Teacher of the Year at their respective schools, with winners also selected and announced for three divisions: kindergarten through fourth grade, fifth through eighth grade, and ninth through twelfth grade; and

WHEREAS, each school within the system selected its own recipient, after which a committee from the Central Office staff evaluated the school winners, following standards established by the Tennessee Department of Education, in order to determine the three division Teachers of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hughes graduated from Roanoke College in 1990 with a Bachelor's degree in art history and a minor in German, and earned her Master of Arts in Teaching in elementary education from East Tennessee University (ETSU) in 2006; and

WHEREAS, in addition, she anticipates earning a Master of Professional Studies/Training and Development/Distance Training in 2011 from ETSU; and

WHEREAS, after teaching second grade in Kingsport City Schools during the 2006-2007 school year, Holly Hughes began her estimable career with Hawkins County Schools in 2008 as an art teacher at St. Clair and Mooresburg Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS, an innovative and inspiring leader in education, Ms. Hughes is a member of many esteemed educational organizations, including the National Art Education Association and the Tennessee Art Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hughes has immersed herself in service to her students and others not only through classroom instruction, but also through her abiding commitment to her community to advance the lives of her students by serving their educational, intellectual, and artistic needs in a challenging manner; and

WHEREAS, Holly Hughes has earned the respect and admiration of her community through her meritorious service and her dedication to her students while exuding a tireless enthusiasm and a willingness to try new and innovative methods in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, Ms. Hughes is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Holly Hughes epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Holly Cooper Hughes on her selection as 2010

Hawkins County Teacher of the Year at St. Clair Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.